

PCS for CS/HB 953

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to legislative and congressional
 3 apportionment; amending s. 97.021, F.S.; defining year
 4 of apportionment; amending s. 99.061, F.S.; conforming
 5 provision to changes made by act; providing an
 6 effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10 Section 1. Subsection (46) is added to section 97.021,
 11 Florida Statutes, to read:

12 97.021 Definitions.—For the purposes of this code, except
 13 where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

14 (46) "Year of apportionment" means:

15 (a) The second year following each decennial census, as
 16 specified in s. 16, Art. III of the State Constitution; and

17 (b) Any other even-numbered year in which the validity of
 18 legislative or congressional district boundaries is subject to
 19 an active challenge, pending in any court, that has not been
 20 concluded by the rendering of or entry of a final order or
 21 judgment and by the exhaustion or waiver of all available direct
 22 appeals. This paragraph shall only apply to and have effect with
 23 respect to the senatorial, representative, or congressional
 24 offices for which the district boundaries are subject to an
 25 active challenge.

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26 Section 2. Subsection (9) of section 99.061, Florida
 27 Statutes, is amended to read:

28 99.061 Method of qualifying for nomination or election to
 29 federal, state, county, or district office.—

30 (9) Notwithstanding the qualifying period prescribed by
 31 this section, in a year of apportionment ~~each year in which the~~
 32 ~~Legislature apportions the state,~~ the qualifying period for
 33 persons seeking to qualify for nomination or election to federal
 34 office shall be between noon of the 71st day prior to the
 35 primary election, but not later than noon of the 67th day prior
 36 to the primary election.

37 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.